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CLAIMS

1. A handle for attaching to a flashlight to form a baton,
the flashlight being of the type comprising a switch for
5 activating the light of the flashlight, said handle
comprising:

a handle body;

attachment means for attaching said handle body
to a flashlight; and

10 an actuator fitted to said handle body, wherein
when said handle body is attached to said flashlight such
that said actuator is positioned in register with said
switch, actuation of said actuator will actuate said
switch.

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2. A handle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said switch is
a press-button switch which is actuated when said actuator
presses said switch.

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3. A handle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator
is contained within said handle body.

4. A handle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator
returns to a standby position after said actuator actuates
25 said switch.

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5. A handle as claimed in claim 4, wherein said actuator
comprises a spring for returning said actuator to said
standby position.

6. A handle as claimed in claim 2, wherein said actuator
comprises an actuator rod that can be positioned directly
over said press-button switch when said handle body is
attached to said flashlight.

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7. A handle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said attachment
means comprises a clamping collar.

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8. A handle as claimed in claim 7, wherein said collar has a switch access hole such that a user can access the flashlight switch with a finger when the switch access hole is co-incident with the switch.

9. A handle as claimed in claim 7, wherein said collar is integrally formed with said handle body and there is further provided a slit on each of two opposing sides of said handle body, each slit extending radially outward from the inner surface of said collar along said handle such that said flashlight is clamped within said collar when said slits are narrowed through compression thereby attaching said handle body to said flashlight.

10. A baton comprising:
a flashlight comprising a switch for activating the flashlight; and
a detachable handle attached to said flashlight to form a baton, said handle comprising a handle body, attachment means for attaching said handle body to a flashlight and an actuator fitted to said handle body, wherein when said handle body is attached to said flashlight such that said actuator is positioned in register with said switch, actuation of said actuator will actuate said switch.

11. A baton as claimed in claim 10, wherein said switch is a press-button switch which is actuated when said actuator presses said switch.

12. A baton as claimed in claim 11, wherein said actuator returns to a standby position after said actuator presses said press-button switch.

13. A baton as claimed in claim 11, wherein said actuator comprises an actuator rod that can be positioned directly

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over said press-button switch when said handle body is attached to said flashlight.

14. A baton as claimed in claim 10, wherein said
5 attachment means comprises a clamping collar.

15. A baton as claimed in claim 14, wherein said collar is integrally formed with said handle body and there is further provided a slit on each of two opposing sides of
10 said handle body, each slit extending radially outward from the inner surface of said collar along said handle such that said flashlight is clamped within said collar when said slits are narrowed through compression thereby attaching said handle body to said flashlight.

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16. A kit for forming a baton, said kit comprising:

a flashlight comprising a switch for activating the flashlight; and

a handle for attaching to said flashlight to form
20 a baton, said handle comprising a handle body, attachment means for attaching said handle body to a flashlight and an actuator fitted to said handle body, wherein when said handle body is attached to said flashlight such that said actuator is positioned in register with said switch,
25 actuation of said actuator will actuate said switch.

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17. A kit as claimed in claim 16, wherein said switch is a press-button switch which is actuated when said actuator presses said switch.

18. A kit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said actuator returns to a standby position after said actuator presses said press-button switch.

35 19. A kit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said actuator comprises an actuator rod that can be positioned directly over said press-button switch when said handle body is

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attached to said flashlight.

20. A kit as claimed in claim 16, wherein said attachment means comprises a clamping collar.

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21. A kit as claimed in claim 20, wherein said collar is integrally formed with said handle body and there is further provided a slit on each of two opposing sides of said handle body, each slit extending radially outward from the inner surface of said collar along said handle such that said flashlight is clamped within said collar when said slits are narrowed through compression thereby attaching said handle body to said flashlight.

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22. A method for forming a baton from a flashlight and a handle; the flashlight comprising a switch for activating the flashlight light; said handle comprising a handle body, attachment means for attaching said handle body to a flashlight, and an actuator fitted to said handle body; said method comprising:

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attaching said handle body to said flashlight using said attachment means such that said actuator is positioned in register with said switch, wherein actuation of said actuator will actuate said switch.

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23. A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein said switch is a press-button switch which is actuated when said actuator presses said switch.

24. A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said actuator returns to a standby position after said actuator presses said press-button switch.

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25. A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said actuator comprises an actuator rod that can be positioned directly over said press-button switch when said handle body is attached to said flashlight.

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26. A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein said attachment means comprises a clamping collar.

5 27. A kit as claimed in claim 26, wherein said collar is integrally formed with said handle body and there is further provided a slit on each of two opposing sides of said handle body, each slit extending radially outward from the inner surface of said collar along said handle
10 such that said flashlight is clamped within said collar when said slits are narrowed through compression thereby attaching said handle body to said flashlight.

28. A handle for attaching to a flashlight to form a
15 baton, the flashlight being of the type comprising a switch for activating the light of the flashlight, said handle comprising:

a handle body; and
attachment means for attaching said handle body
20 to the flashlight, said attachment means comprising a collar;

wherein said collar has a switch access hole such that a user can access and actuate the flashlight switch with a finger when the switch access hole is co-incident
25 with the switch.

AMENDED CLAIMS

[received by the International Bureau on 18 June 2004 (18.06.04);
original claims 1, 10, 16, 22 and 27 replaced by new claims;
remaining claims unchanged (5 pages)]

1. A handle for attaching to a flashlight to form a baton, the flashlight being of the type comprising a switch for activating the light of the flashlight, said handle comprising:
 - a handle body;
 - attachment means for attaching said handle body to a flashlight; and
 - an actuator fitted to said handle body and operable at a free end of said handle body, wherein when said handle body is attached to said flashlight such that said actuator is positioned in register with said switch, actuation of said actuator will actuate said switch.
2. A handle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said switch is a press-button switch which is actuated when said actuator presses said switch.
3. A handle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator is contained within said handle body.
4. A handle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator returns to a standby position after said actuator actuates said switch.
5. A handle as claimed in claim 4, wherein said actuator comprises a spring for returning said actuator to said standby position.
6. A handle as claimed in claim 2, wherein said actuator comprises an actuator rod that can be positioned directly over said press-button switch when said handle body is attached to said flashlight.
7. A handle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said attachment means comprises a clamping collar.

8. A handle as claimed in claim 7, wherein said collar has a switch access hole such that a user can access the flashlight switch with a finger when the switch access
5 hole is co-incident with the switch.

9. A handle as claimed in claim 7, wherein said collar is integrally formed with said handle body and there is further provided a slit on each of two opposing sides of
10 said handle body, each slit extending radially outward from the inner surface of said collar along said handle such that said flashlight is clamped within said collar when said slits are narrowed through compression thereby attaching said handle body to said flashlight.

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10. A baton comprising:

a flashlight comprising a switch for activating the flashlight; and

a detachable handle attached to said flashlight to
20 form a baton; said handle comprising a handle body, attachment means for attaching said handle body to a flashlight, and an actuator fitted to said handle body and operable at a free end of said handle body; wherein when
25 said handle body is attached to said flashlight such that said actuator is positioned in register with said switch, actuation of said actuator will actuate said switch.

11. A baton as claimed in claim 10, wherein said switch is a press-button switch which is actuated when said
30 actuator presses said switch.

12. A baton as claimed in claim 11, wherein said actuator returns to a standby position after said actuator presses said press-button switch.

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13. A baton as claimed in claim 11, wherein said actuator comprises an actuator rod that can be positioned directly

over said press-button switch when said handle body is attached to said flashlight.

14. A baton as claimed in claim 10, wherein said
5 attachment means comprises a clamping collar.

15. A baton as claimed in claim 14, wherein said collar is integrally formed with said handle body and there is further provided a slit on each of two opposing sides of
10 said handle body, each slit extending radially outward from the inner surface of said collar along said handle such that said flashlight is clamped within said collar when said slits are narrowed through compression thereby attaching said handle body to said flashlight.

15 16. A kit for forming a baton, said kit comprising:
a flashlight comprising a switch for activating the flashlight; and
a handle for attaching to said flashlight to form a
20 baton; said handle comprising a handle body, attachment means for attaching said handle body to a flashlight, and an actuator fitted to said handle body and operable at a free end of said handle body; wherein when said handle body is attached to said flashlight such that said
25 actuator is positioned in register with said switch, actuation of said actuator will actuate said switch.

17. A kit as claimed in claim 16, wherein said switch is a press-button switch which is actuated when said actuator
30 presses said switch.

18. A kit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said actuator returns to a standby position after said actuator presses said press-button switch.

35 19. A kit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said actuator comprises an actuator rod that can be positioned directly

over said press-button switch when said handle body is attached to said flashlight.

20. A kit as claimed in claim 16, wherein said attachment
5 means comprises a clamping collar.

21. A kit as claimed in claim 20, wherein said collar is integrally formed with said handle body and there is further provided a slit on each of two opposing sides of
10 said handle body, each slit extending radially outward from the inner surface of said collar along said handle such that said flashlight is clamped within said collar when said slits are narrowed through compression thereby attaching said handle body to said flashlight.

15 22. A method for forming a baton from a flashlight and a handle; the flashlight comprising a switch for activating the flashlight light; said handle comprising a handle body, attachment means for attaching said handle body to a
20 flashlight, and an actuator fitted to said handle body and operable at a free end of said handle body; said method comprising:

attaching said handle body to said flashlight using said attachment means such that said actuator is
25 positioned in register with said switch, wherein actuation of said actuator will actuate said switch.

23. A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein said switch is a press-button switch which is actuated when said
30 actuator presses said switch.

24. A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said actuator returns to a standby position after said actuator presses said press-button switch.

35 25. A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said actuator comprises an actuator rod that can be positioned

directly over said press-button switch when said handle body is attached to said flashlight.

26. A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein said
5 attachment means comprises a clamping collar.

27. A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein said collar
is integrally formed with said handle body and there is
further provided a slit on each of two opposing sides of
10 said handle body, each slit extending radially outward
from the inner surface of said collar along said handle
such that said flashlight is clamped within said collar
when said slits are narrowed through compression thereby
attaching said handle body to said flashlight.

15 28. A handle for attaching to a flashlight to form a
baton, the flashlight being of the type comprising a
switch for activating the light of the flashlight, said
handle comprising:

20 a handle body; and
attachment means for attaching said handle body to
the flashlight, said attachment means comprising a collar;
wherein said collar has a switch access hole such
that a user can access and actuate the flashlight switch
25 with a finger when the switch access hole is co-incident
with the switch.